

Today's Date: _____

Child's Name: _____

*A program certified by the
Massachusetts Department of Public Health*

Date of Birth: _____

**Information about the Local Education Agency (LEA) and
State Education Agency (SEA) Notification
And Parent Option to "Opt Out"**

"What is the 'LEA' and 'SEA' Notification?"

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – or "IDEA" requires Early Intervention programs and the Department of Public Health to notify your local school district (sometimes called the "Local Education Agency" or "LEA") and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the "State Education Agency" or "SEA") if your child may be eligible for special education or services at the age of 3. The IDEA allows minimally personally identifiable information to be released without your consent unless you choose to "opt out".

What is "limited personally identifiable information"?

Limited personally identifiable information includes your name, your child's name, address, telephone number, and date of birth. No other information about your child (for example information about your child's EI services, evaluations, or assessments) is released unless you give your consent.

I haven't decided if I want to refer my child for special education services . Can I decide later?

Yes. You can choose to:

- Sign this form and "opt-out". No information can be sent to your school or the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. If you decide to make a referral for special education later, the program will ask for your consent to send referral information to the school. **NOTE:** If you do make a referral later, the EI program and the DPH must send the minimally personally identifiable information to the LEA and the SEA.
- Or **not** sign this form. If you choose not to sign this form or do not sign the form within 30 calendar days, minimally personally identifiable information must be sent to the LEA and SEA.

As a parent, you may "opt out" and not have the information sent.

You have 30 calendar days to "opt out".

After 30 days, the Department of Public Health and your EI program will send this information to your local school district (LEA) and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(Check the box below and sign only if you want to "opt out")

☐ I choose not to have my name, my child's name, address, telephone number, and date of birth sent to my local school district and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education .

Parent Signature

Date

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